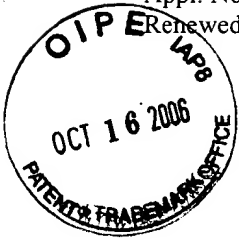


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**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137 (b)**

Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a Renewed Petition for Revival of an Application Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137 (b) in response to the decision mailed on September 22, 2006. The decision dismissed Applicants' Petition filed on July 12, 2006 to revive the above-identified application.

It was asserted that Applicants have failed to submit corrected drawings as required by the Notice of Allowability and that corrected drawings must be submitted before the Petition can be revived. In a telephone interview with Examiner Aaron Roane conducted on September 26, 2006, Examiner Roane acknowledged that the drawings Applicants' filed on March 24, 2006 are acceptable. In this telephone interview, Examiner Roane also acknowledged that he

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 11, 2006.

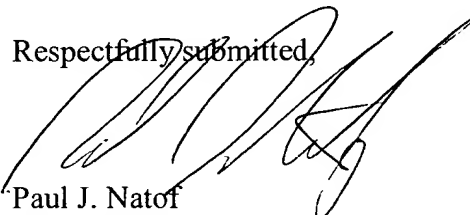
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inadvertently checked the box indicating that corrected drawings were necessary on the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed on June 16, 2006. Examiner Roane documented this information in writing in an Interview Summary following the telephone interview of September 26, 2006.

Notwithstanding the written acknowledgment by Examiner Roane that the drawings submitted by Applicants on March 24, 2006 are acceptable, Applicants have hereby submitted copies of all these drawing sheets (FIGS. 1-3). Therefore, Applicants' respectfully request revival of the above-identified application.

If the Examiner or Petitions Attorney should have any questions concerning this communication, the Examiner or Petitions Attorney is requested to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney at his or her convenience.

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